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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Office of Secretary

Re: WT Docket No. 01-309, Hearing Aid Compatibility (HAC)
Ex Parte

Dear Ms. Dortch:

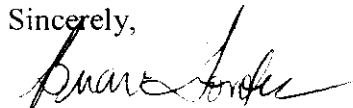
On April 29, 2005, representatives of Cingular Wireless met in separate meetings with Sam Feder, Legal Advisor of Chairman Kevin J. Martin's office; Paul Margie, Legal Advisor of Commissioner Michael J. Copps' office; and Barry Ohlson, Senior Legal Advisor of Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein's office to discuss issues relating to implementation of the Commission's Hearing Aid Compatibility requirements for digital handset devices. The representatives in attendance for Cingular were Brian Fontes, Vice President-Federal Relations; Ben Almond, Vice President-Federal Regulatory Affairs; and Susan Mazrui, Director-Federal Regulatory Affairs.

The representatives of Cingular discussed implementation of the September 16, 2005 HAC mandate. The following major issues were discussed:

- Vendors, while working to provide HAC compliant products, are indicating they are having difficulty providing phones that meet the M3 or better rating for the GSM air interface at the 850 MHz band for the ANSI C63.19 standard.
- Cingular and its vendors are evaluating the impact of OET's Public Notice that grants the options to use either the 2001 or the draft-2005 standard.
- It is critical that FCC act quickly on reconsideration issues to remove uncertainty.

Please associate this notification with referenced docket proceeding. If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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